

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

Tuesday, November 29, 2005

10:30 a.m.

Room 326 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Government Operations was called to order by **Representative Leon Drolet**, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield, Sheen, Tobocman and Lemmons, III.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Lipsey.

Representative Tobocman moved to adopt the minutes of the **November 8, 2005** meeting. The motion was supported by **Representative Gosselin**. There being no objection, the motion carried by unanimous consent.

Chairman Drolet laid **SJR E** before the committee:

SJR E	Stamas	Land use; condemnation; taking of private property by eminent domain for the primary benefit of private entities; prohibit.
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TESTIMONY

Chad Wing, from Senator Stamas' office, testified in support of the resolution.

Pam Haynes, representing the Senate Majority Policy Office, testified in support of the resolution.

Lee Schwartz, representing the Michigan Association of Home Builders, testified in support of the resolution.

Paul Stankewitz, representing the Michigan Catholic Conference, submitted a card in support of the resolution and did not wish to speak.

David W. Bertram, representing the Michigan Township Association, submitted written testimony regarding the resolution.

Chairman Drolet opened the floor for testimony from **Scott Bullock**, attorney for the Institute for Justice, who represented the plaintiff in the *Kelo v New London* case decided by the United States Supreme Court. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Lemmons, III moved to excuse **Representative Lipsey**. The motion was supported by **Representative Garfield**. There being no objection, the motion carried by unanimous consent.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Representative Leon Drolet, Chair
House Standing Committee on Government Operations
Malika Abdur-Rashid
Committee Clerk
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58 Minutes